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Erfurt.

1. In early August 1951, the Berg Kaserne of the former German 1st Tank Regt in Erfurt (M 51/I 36) was being reconditioned and was scheduled for completion in October.  During a conference relative to the construction work, it was stated that the installation would be occupied by German police from the Henne Kaserne which, in turn, would be occupied by Soviet troops. (1)

2. German police were quartered in the Henne Kaserne, Erfurt, in mid-July. Soviet soldiers were among the police instructors. (2)

3. The SCG headquarters in Erfurt was located in the former Allianz Building in mid-July. The building previously housed a general post office. (3)

25X1X Rudolstadt.

4. Between 11 and 20 July, the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Rudolstadt (M 51/J 54) quartered about 80 troops with black-bordered crimson epaulets and 100 troops with red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia. Gate guards wore black-bordered crimson epaulets.  officers were identified at the installation on 18 July. (4)

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5. From the many troops walking between the Flak Kaserne and the Prinz Eugen Kaserne, source concluded that the two installations must be affiliated. Troops in the Flak Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia, but the two gates were guarded by soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets. Source believed that the barracks installation housed a large driving-school, although he did not observe any vehicular traffic on three days between 11 and 20 July.

6. The Alte Kaserne, formerly a finance office, still quartered a rear unit of about 30 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets on 20 July. The unit also furnished the double sentry at the south gate. The komendantura was still staffed by about 40 officers and men. (4)

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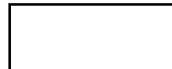
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Saalfeld.

7. On 23, 27 and 31 July, a rear unit of about 30 occupied on building of the Infanterie Kaserne in Saalfeld (M 51/J 53). This was the only building occupied in the Kaserne.

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Weimar.

8. Between 11 and 20 July, the "Flak Kaserne on Ettersburger Chaussee, Weimar, still quartered about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. The gun emplacement on Ettersberg was still manned.

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9. The eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne was occupied by a rear unit of not more than 50 men with red-bordered black epaulets, while the central section of the billeting area quartered 300 to 400 men of the motor transport unit [redacted]

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[redacted] were observed. The western section of the Tannenberg Kaserne was occupied by German Grenzpolizei and Bereitschaftspolizei.

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10. The eastern section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne quartered about 100 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. The gun emplacement at the gas works was still manned.

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[redacted] the central section of the billeting area was occupied by about 150 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. [redacted]

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[redacted] The western section contained a hospital and was about 50 percent occupied by military patients.

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11. The Mueller Kaserne quartered about 300 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. The radio station with a generator [redacted] still in operation. [redacted]

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[redacted] observed in the Mueller Kaserne between 11 and 20 July were used by soldiers from the army headquarters. The vehicles at the disposal of the army headquarters were in three long garages and serviced by 15 to 20 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

12. On 13, 16 and 19 July, the Flieger Kaserne in Weimar-Nohra quartered from 1,200 to 1,500 troops, mostly recruits, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. The troops were engaged primarily in driver training. [redacted]

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Weissenfels.

13. The Panzer Kaserne on the south side of Selauerstrasse, Weissenfels (M 52/J 99), seemed to be vacant. The Infanterie Kaserne on the north side of the street was only lightly occupied on 21 and 26 July. Based on seeing groups of 4 or 5 officers and about 30 men each, source concluded that the installation quartered about 120 men, about half of whom appeared to be recruits. On the two days specified, source saw small groups

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of up to 8 soldiers with small baggage entering and leaving the billeting area.

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Soviet komendantura in Weissenfels was occupied by 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant colonel, 2 captains, and 4 lieutenants at the end of July.

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**Comments.**

(1) The information confirms reports of late March and mid-June 1951 by two other sources who reported that large-scale construction work was performed in the Berg Kaserne. [redacted]  
No other information on the future occupation of the installation has been received to date.

(2) The Henne Kaserne quarters the German Volkspolizei Dienststelle II. There have been no indications that the unit is to move to the Berg Kaserne.

(3) The location of the SCC headquarters for Land Thuringia was reported by another source as early as mid-June 1951. [redacted]

(4) Same source supplied similar information with regard to the three installations in "Wolstadt and the two installations in Saalfeld in the end of June 1951. [redacted]

(5) The information on the installations in Weimar indicates no substantial change over the last report of mid-June 1951. [redacted] See [redacted]

(6) The information on the two barracks installations in Weissenfels confirms a report of mid-July 1951 by another source who stated that only guard units were located there. See [redacted]

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